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The Friday Update

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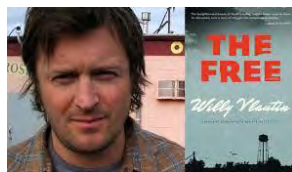
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We knew it all along!

Coos Bay is listed as one of the most desirable small towns to live in the Pacific Northwest. In an article in the *Sunset* magazine "20 Western Dream Towns", Coos Bay was listed as a runner up to the top 20! In the article, the author wrote "This once-faded fishing port on the southern Oregon Coast has seen its fortunes rebound, thanks to public redevelopment efforts and private enterprise. The former helped fund construction of the new Coos History Museum building and the 2014 reopening of the Egyptian Theatre, a relic of Coos Bay's 1920s heyday. A good example of the latter is the family-friendly 7 Devils Brewing Co. public house, a civic minded labor of love for the young couple who opened it in 2013."



Author event at the Library...



Coos Bay Public Library will be holding a free Oregon Author event with award-winning author and accomplished musician, Willy Vlautin of Scappoose, Oregon. Willy will probably read from his latest book, *The Free*, and its predecessor, *Lean on Pete*, soon to be a major motion picture starring Steve Buscemi and Chloe Sevigny. The event will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 pm in the Myrtlewood Room at the Coos Bay Public Library, and it is open to all members of the public.

In the words of Oregon's own Ursula K. LeGuin, regarding Willy's latest novel, *The Free*: "Willy Vlautin is one of the bravest novelists writing...it takes real courage to write a novel about ordinary good people... (he) tells us who really lives now in our America, our city in ruins." Come and enjoy one of Oregon's most underappreciated literary talents! More info at willyvlautin.com

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Another successful Job Fair at the Coos Bay Library...

The Coos Bay Public Library was thrilled to have one of their best job fairs to date this past Wednesday, January 18th. There were 13 employers from a wide range of fields giving more options for jobseekers with different skill sets. What made this especially exciting was the handful of first time employers at the fair - Yellow Cab, the Confederated Tribe of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians, and Bandon Pacific Seafood - joined those employers who regularly attend the fair. All employers expressed that it is a great opportunity to get face to face interaction with job seekers, and it is very helpful to their recruitment efforts. The severe rain did not hamper turnout too much; over 100 people walked through the fair and talked with the employers at each table. Two people were hired at the fair itself, several more scheduled interviews and turned in applications.



Seeking Volunteers for a newly formed tourism promotion organization...

The Coos County Tourism Workgroup, a newly formed non-profit organization formed under a joint agreement between Coos County and Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, is seeking interested citizens wishing to serve on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board is to govern the Coos County Tourism non-profit and oversee activities aimed at achieving the organizational goal to invest in strengthening tourism in the South Coast's evolving economy.

The initial nine member Board will be appointed by the Coos County Commissioners. The Board will consist of: one (1) County representative; two (2) Bandon Dunes representatives; four (4) Geographic representatives; and two (2) At-Large representatives. Required qualifications include: experience in the tourism industry; be connected with tourism partners and or projects in Coos County; be collaborative and regional-minded; be willing and able to put the need of the Coos County first; have enthusiasm and time to fully participate; and abide by a code of conduct approved by the Board. In addition, all Geographic Representative Directors are required to live or work in Coos County.

Persons interested in serving on the board of the Coos County Tourism Workgroup are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to Connie Stopher, SCDC Executive Director by email (connie@scdcinc.org) prior to January 27th. Letters of interest should include the position being sought (at-large or geographic areas) and your qualifications. It is anticipated that applicants will be interviewed on or about February 3rd.